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SUBJECT: BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE'S ROLE AS
PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESRAT

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1. AT A MEETING OF THE ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS MARCH 3,
THE US REP PROPOSED THE SCENARIO IN PARAGRAPH 11 OF
REF (D). THE FRENCH REP (RICHARD) SAID THAT HE
HAD REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT THE QUAI HAD SAID
THAT WHILE THE FRENCH ARE NOT HAPPY WITH STOBBE'S
ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE BUNDESRAT, THEY WILL
NOT SEEK TO PREVENT IT ALTHOUGH THEY WILL ASK THAT HE DO
THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE WHEN HE IS ACTING FRG PRESIDENT.
THE UK REP (EYERS) SAID THAT THE FCO HAD ALSO SAID IT
WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTION TO STOBBE'S ASSUMPTION OF THE
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PRESIDENCY OF THE BUNDESRAT. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD
LIKE TO THINK A BIT MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL MADE
BY THE US REP.

2. COMMENT: THE DISCUSSION WAS USEFUL IN THAT IT
REVEALED THE FRENCH WILL NOT SEEK TO BLOCK STOBBE'S
ASSUMPTION OF THE OFFICE. WE ASSUME THE BRITISH WILL AGREE

SOON TO THE PROPOSAL TO INFORM THE FRG ALONG THE LINES OF
PARAGRAPH 11 OF REF (D).

3. THE QUESTIONS POSED BY USBER B REFTEL (B) HAVE BEEN
RAISED WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET
RECEIVED AN ANSWER. WE WILL RAISE THE ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE DEPARTMENT (PARA 3, REFTEL A) WHEN
THIS SUBJECT IS NEXT DISCUSSED IN THE BONN GROUP. WE
HAVE WAITED UNTIL THE THREE ALLIED REPS WERE PREPARED TO
ASSURE THE FRG THAT NO OBJECTION TO STOBBE'S TAKING OVER
THE PRESIDENCY WOULD BE RAISED TO ASK ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT MAKE THE FRG BELIEVE WE HAD DOUBTS
ABOUT THE WISDOM OF HIS DOING SO.

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